

Part 2

Read the text and fill the gaps with sentences A-G. Write the letter of the missing sentence in the box in the correct gap. There is one extra sentence you will not need.

The Tower Of London

Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress, more commonly known as the Tower of London, and in the past as simply The Tower, is a historic monument in central London, England, on the north bank of the River Thames. It is located within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The term 'Tower of London' is often associated with the White Tower, the original stark square fortress section built by William the Conqueror in 1078. **1** Some are preserved very well, even today.

Throughout its history, it has served many different functions. The tower functioned primarily as a fortress, a royal palace and a prison. **2** The future Queen Elizabeth I was one of the most famous of these. This use of the tower as a prison has led to the phrase "sent to the Tower". **3** The tower has also served as a place of execution and torture, an armoury, a treasury, a zoo, the Royal Mint, a public records office and an observatory. It was also rumoured to be home to many ghosts. **4**

Today the Tower of London is principally a tourist attraction. The tower is manned by the Yeomen Warders (known as Beefeaters), who act as tour guides and provide security. **5** Every evening, the warders participate in the Ceremony of the Keys. In this ceremony, the Tower is secured for the night. **6**

- A. They have become a tourist attraction in their own right.
- B. However, the tower as a whole is a complex of several buildings.
- C. Since 1303, it has housed the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom.
- D. The prison was used to house high class and royal criminals in particular.
- E. Many consider a trip to London incomplete without a visit to the Tower.
- F. This means "to be imprisoned".
- G. This supposed Roman origin is a myth.

Total: 6 marks